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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on June 26, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated August 30, 2006. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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